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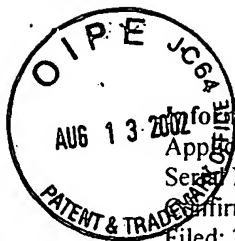
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 form(s) is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant further requests that a copy of the 1449 form(s), marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

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List of Pending Non-Published U.S. Patent Applications

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BEDINGHAM et al.	09/710,184	11/10/00	60/214,508
BEDINGHAM et al.	09/894,810	06/28/01	60/214,508; 60/214,642; 60/237,151; 60/260,063; and 60/284,637
HARMS et al.	09/895,001	06/28/01	60/214,508
BEDINGHAM et al.	09/895,010	06/28/01	60/214,508

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if they can be of any assistance during prosecution of the present application.

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EXAMINER	Date Considered
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